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SUBJECT: GROWING CONSENSUS IN ANGOLA ABOUT MOZAMBIQUE'S
FUTURE

1. THERE IS GROWING CONSENSUS HERE THAT MOZAMBIQUE'S FUTURE WILL
NECESSARILY INVOLVE "CHAOS," "CIVIL WAR" AND AT LEAST AN EFFORT
BY WHITES SOUTH OF ZAMBEZE TO ESTABLISH SEPARATIST STATE (WITH OR
WITHOUT SOUTH AFRICAN/RHODESIAN ASSISTANCE).

2. WE HAVE HEARD THESE PREDICTIONS FROM SUCH VARIED SOURCES AS NEW
CINC FRANCO PINHEIRO, POLITICALLY ACTIVE MESTIZO LEADERS, ANGOLAN
WHITE INDUSTRIALISTS AND BANKER, MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES, SOON-
TO-DEPART SECGEN AND PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, MAYOR OF LUANDA. THEY
ASSUME FRELIMO WILL EVENTUALLY TAKE OVER; SEVERAL AMONG NON-OFFICIALS
ARE CONVINCED GOP'S PURPOSE IS IN FACT TO SPEED UP PROCESS AND
TRY TO PREVENT "CHAOS," BUT THAT EFFORT WILL FAIL.

3. CURIOUSLY, NONE OF THESE SOURCES SEES FUTURE OF ANGOLA DIRECTLY
AFFECTED BY SUCH DIRE EVENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE. (ONE OR TWO OLD REGIME
SUPPORTERS SEE "LOSS" OF MOZAMBIQUE AND GUINEA AS CREATING BACK-
LASH IN METROPOLE WITHIN A YEAR OR SO. THIS WOULD RESTORE
RIGHT-OF-CENTER GOVERNMENT AND PROTECT ANGOLA'S FUTURE. COMMENT:
WISHFUL THINKING.)

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4. COMMENT: IN OTHER WORDS, LUSITANIAN COMMONWEALTH ALREADY
WRITTEN OFF HERE (AMONG NUMEROUS DIFFERENT GROUPS) AS POSSIBLE
OUTCOME OF PRESENT POLITICAL PROCESS. OUT ASSESSMENT OF LIKELY
DIRECTION FOR ANGOLA BY SEPTTEL.
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